

GOOD YEAR FOR THE CRECHE

Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Little
Ones Are Cared For.

COST LESS THAN THREE THOUSAND

Mrs. Kimball, President, and Mrs. Brandeis, Treasurer, Submit Their Annual Reports Full of Interest.

Mrs. T. L. Kimball, president and Mrs. A. D. Brandeis, treasurer of the Creche, show many things of unusual interest in their annual reports, which have been submitted. Mrs. Brandeis, for instance, shows

that the cost for maintaining the creche with its 334 little waifs for the year 1906 was precisely \$2,844.99 and she gives an itemized account to show just where every cent of the money went. Collections for the year ending December 31, amount to

Mrs. Kimball departs from the ordinary routine of "annual reports" and gives a very interesting narrative of what has been done during the year. She takes occasion to point out a tribute to the conservation of the management in saying that it has rejected several offers of "traveling strangers" to put on various entertainments on a profit-sharing basis. The president's report that of the treasure

As is our custom at this season we will take a look backward over our year's work, beginning with our gathering on January 4, when we were shocked to find, of the

\$2.00 we had pledged ourselves to raise, but \$1.60 had been paid in. We were informed that the bank would not make a loan without a further greater effort we decided to place a part of this in the bank as a reserve fund. We were then informed that the bank was in a famine in aprons. In five minutes three pieces of gingham were donated, and placed in the bank. The bank then informed us: "We disposed of our knitted quilt for \$35, which was as gratifying to the donor as to us."

Another notable event was finding a permanent home for Jack. He had no complaint from mistress or maid.

There was a very heavy among the children, preventing our holding our meetings there, when Mrs. Hawes kindly gave us the use of her parlour. The next day the matron took the dozen or so of little impatient, with the aid of the children, to the bank. The matron, at least, should be given Dr. Luke, who comes at any time, giving his services to the children, and has done this for several years.

Early in the summer Mrs. Lemist proposed our giving a huge bridge party, the proceeds of which would tide us over till our fall collections could be made. The plan was received with acclamation. The Country club was freely tendered for the

day; the tickets were all written by Mrs. Leimist to save expense; the beautiful scenery, the delicious food, the comfortable refreshments. Hundreds came, and we realized \$350. Besides the money raised for the building fund, the money for the charity created an interest in our work among new population, and awakened new friends. The people of the city, in all tongues, its aims were discussed, and its needs made known.

Donations Rejected.

We have denied many offers from strangers to bring entertainments here for a certain percentage, having decided to keep the entertainment fund for ourselves, all the profits.

March 2 we were not at the sale of our property in Bijou theater people. We have looked the matter over and think it impossible for us to remain at the theater. We have decided to give up the desire to buy it of the city. It behooves us to sell to them our five years lease for \$1000.00. We have no other offers offered are beyond our means. We hope

Mrs. Brandeis kindly gave the little one an auto ride during one forenoon. Mrs.

Cowan paid the fares of the children to the park for two picnics during the summer. Many members of the board are examples of the interest taken by our board members in the personal happiness of the children. The following are some of the donations by several of our board. Their hearts are in this work.

It is a pleasure to have the necessary fund is progressing. Several of our members have been too sick to work; others have been called away on business, and while many are hoping to make up the deficit during the coming month.

Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Baum, have just sent in a gift of \$10. I thanked him in behalf of our board and our houseful of children.

The visit to the Creech of Mrs. Dodge of New York, who is the talented president of the N. Y. S. S. S. is an event of an important event. She said to me that in all her years of experience among the children she had never seen one who knew such exemption from death and disease as ours. Not a death in twenty

Mrs. Samuel Caldwell endowed a crib in memory of her mother, Mrs. Weasell.

whose years of untiring service as a member of your board is still so lovingly remembered by us.

The Needlework guild gave to the Crech a very attractive and many warm garments for our little ones.

We have been able so far to resist the temptation to open a new bank account to serve in the bank; let us rather add to it.

As I have often advised, more frequent visits to the hospital would be of great value to the guardians of all these children, that way we may have better knowledge of them and be able to do more for them when it is possible. Our building has undergone necessary repairs, but the expense has not been too great. The reason for this is the fullness; to this also is due the extraordinary good health of the household. Long may we continue to be so happy.

Christmas Joyous to Tots.

Christmas was kept joyously by the arm and a few of the mothers. The tradition of the day was kept by the mothers. A more interesting or pathetic sight could hardly be imagined than the upturned faces of the children, who were so full of joy and hope.

the possession of new toys, the small hands clasped, hardly daring to speak lest it vanish. As one of our members said, was one of the most simple and love Christmas festivals she ever attended.

The following are the officers for the year:

Mrs. T. L. Kimball, president.
Mrs. Ada T. Walker, vice president.
Miss E. B. Edwards, treasurer.
Mrs. E. R. McMahon, secretary.

Board of Trustees—Mrs. Thomas A. Kirland, Mrs. G. T. Edwards, Mrs. E. B. Edwards, Mrs. Charles Knutzie, Mrs. Joseph Cunniff, Mrs. A. J. Stanton, Mrs. Arthur Green, Mrs. J. W. A. Redick, Mrs. Arth. Metts, Mrs. A. G. Benson, Mrs. A. M. Wadsworth, Mrs. F. A. Gardner, Mrs. William H. Howard, Ednaire, Mrs. J. W. A. Redick.

W. Va. Nostrand, Miss Garrows, Mr. Millard, Miss Kimball, Miss Susan Hedrege.

Report of Treasurer.

Our collections for the year 1906, ending in December, amount to \$1,522.75, but the

The receipts of the card party given June at the Country club were \$550, and on our reserve fund is \$70. So our income for 1906, including, with the a items, was \$620. From the sale of our parents' 1907-85, and sundries \$10.67, amount to \$2,368.35, and adding the balance from 1905, \$429.24, we have a total of \$2,797.59. Our expenses were as follows:

Milk	\$121
Produce	110
Water	24
Gas	90
Electric	100
Coal	137
Insurance on house	60
Salaries	1,145
Total	\$2,187

This is the cost of maintaining the Credo for one year for 24 children.

MRS. A. D. GRANITE, Treasurer

TREASURY STATEMENT.